



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Regular Meeting of
THE FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May19, 2010

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ana Soto at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 East Montecito Street, Santa Barbara, CA.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Ana Soto
Teresa Peña
Sebastian Aldana
Sharon Byrne
Chrystal Sturm

Members Absent

Jhoane Perez
Michael Goldberg

Staff Present

Ricardo Venegas, NOS Coordinator II

Liaisons Present

Councilman Bendy White

Guests

Ken Rivas
Nat Reinke
Larry Lee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tabled until next months regular meeting.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None

ANNOUCEMENTS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Sebastian, Sharon, and Ana provided a brief report regarding their participation in the May 15 Neighborhood clean-up that was organized by Santa Barbara Beatiful. Overall, the clean-up was a great success with the participation of 9 church groups. Sebastian coordinated a group of approximately 30 volunteers to clean-up the overgrown weeds in the Yanonali Community Garden. Subcommittee will be exploring the possibility of doing another neighborhood clean-up in October.

Committee members reported that neighbors continue to report ongoing issues with homeless persons loitering around the neighborhood and/or harrasing businesses and their clients. Sebastian reported that businesses are seeing an increase in homeless persons in the Milpas & Ortega area business corridor. Members added that one of the reasons for the increase is that there is group or church that is serving hot meals to homeless persons in that area. After much discussion, the committee agreed that it would be prudent to invite Casa Esperanza staff to next months meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Marijuana Dispensaries – Sharon gave an overview of the medical marijuana dispensaries issues that the neighborhood continues to express to thePlanning Committee.
- b. Planning Meet and Greet Special Event – Sharon and Sebastian will have an information table during the May 15 neighborhood clean-up that will provide participants with City related information.
- c. Restructuring of Advisory Committees – Teresa reported that the subcommittee continues to work on the final proposal that will be used as the blue print for defining the parameters and/model for the new combined advisory committee.
- d. Mothers Day Free Portrait Event – Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Proposed Park and Recreation Budget – Ana and Teresa provide a brief report of the budget recommendations that were made by advisory committees.

STAFF REPORTS: Tabled

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 PM, there being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson, Ana Soto.

Respectfully submitted,
Ricardo Venegas
Neighborhood and Outreach Services Coordinator II